
In Altaiskiy krai, the Head of a tourist center is found guilty of providing services that do not meet the requirements for the safety of life and health of consumers

The evidence collected by the investigating authorities of the Investigative Committee of the Russian Federation for Altaiskiy krai was recognized as sufficient by the court for sentencing the 41-year-old Head of the Gornoye Solntse tourist centre LLC. He was found guilty of committing a crime prescribed in paragraph "c", Part 2, Article 238 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation (provision of services that do not meet the requirements of the safety of life and health of consumers, if they resulted in grievous bodily harm and death of a person by negligence).

The investigation and the court identified that the convict was the owner of the tourist center "Mountain Sun", located in the special economic area of the tourist and recreational type called "Turquoise Katun" in Altaiskiy krai. Responsible for fire safety, the Owner of the hotel allowed violations of fire regulations during the operation of the building, which hosted the tourists. On the night of July 31, 2020, a fire occurred in the boiler room of one of the buildings of the tourist centre, which, due to the storage of diesel fuel in this room, contributed to the rapid development of a fire with further blocking of the evacuation route by combustion products and flames that spread to the entire building, including its residential part. More than 20 clients, living on the 2nd and 3rd floors, including two juveniles, were forced to evacuate on their own, jumping off the balconies of the rooms they occupied. At the same time, people jumped out from a great height, hitting the protruding parts of the burning building and the surface of the earth. As a result of the fall, the victims suffered physical pain, as well as bodily injuries of varying severity. In addition, a 63-year-old woman died in a medical facility after and as a result of a fall injury.

During the preliminary investigation, the man admitted his guilt. The investigation has done significant work to collect and consolidate the evidence base, which the court took into account by imposing a sentence of 3 years and 6 months of imprisonment on probation for the defendant with a probationary period of 3 years.

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